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S. 3610

To improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Truth in Fur Labeling
5 Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF EXEMPTION TO FUR PRODUCT LA-**
 2 **BELING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTS**
 3 **CONTAINING RELATIVELY SMALL QUAN-**
 4 **TITIES OR VALUES OF FUR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(d) of the Fur Products
 6 Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. 69(d)) is amended by striking
 7 “; except that” and all that follows through “contained
 8 therein”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
 11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO FUR PRODUCTS NAME GUIDE TO**
 13 **ELIMINATE CONSUMER CONFUSION OVER**
 14 **PRODUCTS CONTAINING RACCOON DOG FUR.**

15 (a) CLARIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days after
 16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade
 17 Commission shall amend the item relating to “Raccoon,
 18 Asiatic” in the Fur Products Name Guide (16 C.F.R
 19 301.0)—

20 (1) by striking “Raccoon, Asiatic” and inserting
 21 “Dog, Raccoon”; and

22 (2) by striking “Nyctereutes Procyonoidos” and
 23 inserting “Nyctereutes Procyonoides”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Not later than 90
 25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Fed-
 26 eral Trade Commission shall make such amendments to

1 such other rules or guidance documents issued by the
 2 Commission under section 7 of the Fur Products Labeling
 3 Act (15 U.S.C. 69e) as the Commission considers appro-
 4 priate to bring such rules or guidance documents into con-
 5 formity with the Fur Products Name Guide as amended
 6 in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).

7 **SEC. 4. STATE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE LABELING OF**
 8 **FUR PRODUCTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 12 of the Fur Products
 10 Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. 69(j)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “The provisions of” and insert-
 12 ing “(a) The provisions of”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(b) Nothing in this Act shall preclude or deny any
 15 right of any State or political subdivision thereof to adopt
 16 or enforce any provision of State or local law that provides
 17 more restrictive labeling requirements for fur products
 18 than what is provided for in this Act.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
 21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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